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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO ANKARA, ATHENS, LONDON,
TEL AVIV, NATO, USUN, USDOCOSOUTH, USEUCOM FROM NICOSIA
APRIL 25, REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 977

TEL AVIV FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT CY

SUBJECT: CYPRUS: CLERIDES ANNOUNCES HE WILL REMAIN AS GREEK
CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR

1. DEPT WILL HAVE SEEN TEXT CLERIDES' WITHDRAWAL OF HIS
RESIGNATION THREAT (FBIS M242026 AND M250750). STATEMENT
CONTAINS NO SURPRISES, UNDERLINES THAT PURPOSE OF THREAT WAS
TO REMIND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF
NEGOTIATING UNDER TURBULENT CONDITIONS ON GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE
CAUSE " BY RESORT TO VIOLENCE OF GENERAL GRIVAS' GROUPS
WHICH RESULTED IN INADMISSIBLE USE OF COUNTER- VIOLENCE
BY ELEMENTS SUPPORTING CYPRUS GOVT."

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2. CLERIDES TOLD ME YESTERDAY EVENING HE THOUGHT HIS ACTION HAD HAD SOME BENEFICIAL EFFECT IN FOCUSING ATTENTION ON PROBLEM AND IN INCREASING PRESSURES TO AVOID FURTHER VIOLENCE. HE WAS CLEARLY PLEASED THAT DENKTASH HAS BEEN SPREADING WORD AS TO IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO KEEPING CLERIDES AS OPPOSITE NUMBER. (HE REMARKED THAT OVER YEARS OF NEGOTIATION HE AND DENKTASH HAD BUILT UP UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP, AND HE CONFIRMED THAT IN NEGOTIATING SESSIONS DENKTASH BEARING IS MUCH MORE MODERATE THAN IN PUBLIC.)

3. INTERCOMMUNAL SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY (WEDNESDAY), NEXT TUESDAY AND NEXT FRIDAY.

4. PRESS HAS ELY. IN VIEW OF THE SHORTNESS OF TIME HE THOUGHT THAT THE MAY 24 PARTY MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE MORE PRACTICAL FOR THE TWO GERMANS. ROGERS

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